

CITY RALLIES TO BACK NATION WITH PLEDGES

Times' Appeal for Signed Lists Meets With Enthusiastic Reception in Capital.

NAMES TO GO TO WILSON

Many Organizations and Business Forces Hasten to Give Assurance of Allegiance.

The request for pledges of loyalty to the President in yesterday's Times met with immediate widespread response, and the first mail this morning contained nearly a thousand names of Washingtonians anxious to show their loyalty and allegiance in this time of national crisis.

Later mails continued to pour in long sheets of names from hotels, corporations and other organizations, large and small, from all parts of the city. These lists will be forwarded by special messenger to President Wilson this evening.

This was Washington's response in less than twenty hours after it had been suggested that her citizens display their patriotism.

The response was spontaneous. No urging was needed. Every one seemed eager to show that he believed in protecting American rights and the enforcement of international law.

Not An Enlistment.

But it is only a start. Many have not had time to get their lists ready. Some of the lists received this morning contained several pages filled with names.

The pledge is not an enlistment; it is not a promise to carry arms; it is an expression of patriotic sentiment which no citizen of the United States can hesitate a moment to sign.

Have YOU signed? Have YOU tried to get others to sign?

Early this morning patriotic organizations expressed their commendation of the movement started by the Times.

Mrs. J. A. Logan, president of the Clara Barton Memorial Association, called The Times to give her assurance of the unqualified support of that organization.

"We are in sympathy with the movement to support the President and our country," said Mrs. Logan, "in the memory of Clara Barton. We would not allow anybody to go further than we will in the support of our country and our President. In the memory of Clara Barton, we are ready to work at anything we can do. I am glad at last that the time has come for us to defend our rights on land and sea. We will do anything we can to work in harmony with President Wilson to the last degree. We will stand before the country in loyalty and patriotism."

Loyal Legion Responds.

Mrs. Adah Weiss, president of the local organization of the Legion of Loyal Women, said:

"Certainly we will stand by our country to the last; that is what we are here for. Our whole organization is going to do everything we can to support the President."

Mrs. Rose S. Rutledge, president of the Maryland division of the women's auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, said:

"We will do anything we can to help our country. You can count on us to do whatever we can to help."

Mrs. Mamie P. Dorsey, junior vice president of the national auxiliary, said:

"We are ready to play our part to the finish in anything that may come, and believe you are doing a fine job."

KAISER NERVOUS, IS REPORT

German Emperor Reported Sad and Thoughtful At Czar's Overthrow.

LONDON, March 21.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from The Hague says:

"The Kaiser is said to have heard of the fate of the Czar with considerable sadness and nervousness. The Kaiser is known to be very superstitious and he has been deeply impressed by the rapid development of Russian affairs."

"As the Socialist review Licht says 'he knows that the price of opposition to the people's wishes will be the same as that paid by Czar Nicholas.' Socialist papers are allowed by the censorship to hint with almost insulting clearness that the Hohenzollerns should be quick to derive profit from the lesson given to the Romanoffs."

ADMIT PLOT GUILT

Newspaper Men Plead Guilty to Helping Germany's Cause.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Albert O. Sander and Carl N. Wunnenberg, former newspapermen who were charged by the Government with launching a subversive enterprise against Great Britain from this country, today withdrew their pleas of not guilty and pleaded guilty in the United States district court here.

Judge Van Fleet, who heard the pleas, announced he would pass sentence tomorrow.

George Vaux Bacon, an American newspaperman, one of several sent to England as alleged spies, testified against the men before the Federal grand jury.

SIGN THIS PLEDGE OF LOYALTY TO U. S.

TO THE PRESIDENT:

As an American, faithful to American ideals of justice, liberty, and humanity, I hereby declare my absolute and unconditional loyalty to the Government of the United States and pledge my support to you in protecting American rights against unlawful violence upon land and sea, in guarding the Nation against hostile attacks, and in upholding international right.

Cut this out, paste it at the top of a long sheet of paper, and get your neighbors and friends to sign it. After obtaining as many signatures as possible mail it to The Times. The Times will see that the pledges and signatures are placed in the hands of the President of the United States.

HUNDREDS PUSH GARDEN PLANS

Two Big Meetings Will Give Impetus to Already Busy Movement.

Two important meetings will be held in Washington today to formulate final and definite plans for organization in the summer gardening movement.

Those interested in forming a central committee to push the gardening campaign with the playground as the center, will meet tonight at the Wilson Normal School. More than 6,000 invitations have been sent out for the meeting, and representatives of all the citizens' and parent-teachers' associations in Washington are expected to be present.

Miss Susan E. Sipe, principal of the Wilson Normal School, will outline the plan to be followed and a permanent central organization will be formed.

Stephen E. Kramer, assistant superintendent of public schools, will conduct a question box, and questions pertaining to the plan of organization and procedure will be informally discussed. In this way it is hoped to get the viewpoint of everyone present, so that whatever organization is formed and whatever plan is adopted, will be acceptable to all present.

Capital Club To Reorganize.

Mrs. Lyman F. Kebler, president of the Parents' League, will preside. Mrs. Kebler, who is spending much time and energy in the movement, is organizing a committee which will have charge of the work with the community center at the normal school.

At 4:30 this afternoon the Capital Garden Club, composed of society women, will meet with florists and landscape gardeners at the home of Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins, 1701

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REVOLT RUMORS PERSIST

Reports of Uprising in Germany Reach Amsterdam.

AMSTERDAM, March 21.—Rumors of a German revolution were again circulated on the stock exchange here today.

So far as was evident from undisturbed telegraphic connection and regular arrival here of German newspapers, there was no basis for the report.

The rumors, however, aroused intense excitement.

REBUKED BY REDFIELD

Emergency Peace Federation Object of Excoriation in Telegram.

A stinging rebuke was given by Secretary of Commerce Redfield today to members of the Emergency Peace Federation, which, the cabinet member declared in a telegram constitutes "an organization and doctrine which is directly promotive of attacks on American citizens and property."

"To accept your policy," said Redfield, "would, in my judgment, mean more ruthless slaughter. You are those who are doing more than any one else to bring about war."

ARRESTS HER BROTHER

Little Girl Turns Probation Officer and Finds Truant.

NEW YORK, March 21.—There was a stir in the Passaic county court at Paterson, N. J., yesterday when Anna Hoppe, ten, of No. 74 Pine street, burst into the room, dragging a struggling boy a year her junior. Before Probation Officer Ma honey she released her coat collar.

"There," she cried triumphantly, "this is my brother Charlie."

She had told the officer last week she would search till she found the truant, who had left home, lured away, it is said, by the movie. Ma honey smiled, agreed and told the little probation officer to do her best.

After lecturing the boy the court ordered Anna to take him to public school No. 23 and to be his mentor in future. "Come on," said Anna, and left with him.

TO SUPERVISE NEW VESSELS.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today designated Admiral Capps, former chief constructor of the navy, to supervise the construction of new vessels to be built on the basis of actual cost plus 10 per cent profit.

BOY "PROPHET" CAUSES STIR IN NEIGHBORHOOD

Residents in Vicinity of "Grand Adept's" Home Show Curiosity.

PERMANENT ABODE HERE

Dr. de Sarack Supervises the Work at Sanctuary on Rhode Island Avenue.

Preliminary to the public announcement of Boudh Sadou as the regenerator of the world, a permanent home is to be provided, and the house at 1431 Rhode Island avenue northwest has been selected to house the "soul of an adept in man's body," the great "master" of the order of the Initiates of Tibet.

The automobile of Mrs. H. S. Nyman, of 1638 Sixteenth street, has been placed at the service of the boy "prophet," who is but eighteen years of age, and his "garu," who is also his father, Dr. Albert de Sarack, Count de Sas.

Yesterday the neighbors were made aware of the fact that the august family of the "Grand Adept" was to reside at the Rhode Island avenue address, and the community is thrown into a state of curiosity bordering on confusion. One of the neighbors said: "If I have to neglect everything else, I am going to stay right here and see the moving in."

Work Carried on Secretly.

Yesterday afternoon the "garu," Dr. de Sarack, visited in person the house chosen as his residence and sanctuary and gave the final instructions as to the arrangement and furnishing of the place. During the entire day workmen were busy engaged in making the place ready for the "time" when the "prophet" will there take up his abode. The work was carried on in greatest secrecy.

While the "garu" was in the house the same precautions to guard him from contamination by contact with unbelievers were taken as have been at the other places honored by the presence.

Entrance to the house was refused by Lincoln Clark, an attorney for the Department of Justice who is one of the members of the exterior society.

Famous As a Dangler.

Despite the efforts of his followers, the "garu" was seen yesterday as he came from the new "sanctuary." He is a short dark man, almost

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TWO HELD AS SPIES

Philadelphian and Canadian Seized By Detectives.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 21.—Dorf Birchfield, twenty-four years old, who says he lives in Poplar street near Fifty-sixth, Philadelphia, and Fred P. Stiles, twenty-one years old, who gives Alhambra, N. S., as his home, were arrested after a lot of searching waiting by officers, on suspicion of being spies intending mischief to industrial plants.

Detectives discovered ten large sticks of high explosive dynamite and three half sticks hidden in a hollow stump.

The Penn Trojan Powder Works is not far from where the dynamite was found in the stump.

ATTORNEY HELLEN DEAD

Had Been in Failing Health for Some Months.

Ben Hellen, an attorney in the Colorado building, was found dead on a couch in his home, 1815 Concoran street northwest, last night.

Mr. Hellen's health had been failing for some time, his disease being diagnosed as arterial sclerosis. Mr. Hellen was fifty-two years old, and leaves a wife, two daughters and one son. The body probably will not be buried, it was said by relatives, until the arrival of his oldest daughter, Mrs. Thomas W. Bowers, from Chicago. His other daughter is Miss Mary Thom Hellen, of this city.

TWO U-BOATS TRAPPED

Submarines Hiding Under Sea Caught in Net, Skipper Says.

NEWPORT, R. I., March 21.—The trapping of two German submarines is reported by Capt. E. L. Smith, of the American steamer Alaskan, which arrived from La Pallice, France, bound for New York.

The U-boats, Captain Smith said, were detected beneath the surface by observers of the aircraft patrol. The airplane signalled for trawlers, and circled about, directed the placing of nets. In a little while the nets were drawn completely about the unsuspecting submarines, which were hopelessly enmeshed and brought to the surface. They were lying side by side in the harbor of La Pallice when the Alaskan sailed.

JAPAN CENSORS SHIP NEWS.

TOKYO, March 21.—Prohibition against publication of news of the arrival and departure of all Japanese merchantmen sailing the Pacific and Indian oceans was announced by the government today. Official announcement was made at Tokyo a week or more ago of presence of a German raider in Pacific waters.

WILSON CALLS EXTRA SESSION APRIL 2 TO CONSIDER DECLARATION OF WAR WILL URGE MILITARY TRAINING BILL

SOLONS STIRRED BY EARLY CALL

Leaders in Capital Recognize They Face Declaration of War.

ORGANIZATION DISRUPTED

With Parties' Membership a Tie, Bipartisan Compromise Seems Likely.

Stirred by the call of the President for an extra session two weeks earlier than first proposed, Congressmen today recognized the fact that they face the question of declaring war on Germany.

That a declaration of war or recognition that a state of war exists is almost a certainty, is the prevailing view among such Senate and House leaders as are in the Capital.

Plans for the organization of the House of Representatives are all awry.

The earlier date will find both the Democratic and Republican leaders in an embarrassing position. The situation augurs for a bipartisan organization.

Democrats, 214; Republicans, 214; Independents, 3; will be the party alignment (on paper) when the House convenes. Indications now are that not all the members of the House can be present and sickness may play a part in the organization, just as death already has played.

Congress' Seat Vacant.

In moving up the extra session date the President has made it impossible to fill the seat of Congressman Conry, Democrat, before the House meets. The Conry vacancy election is to be held in the Fifteenth New York district on April 12. A Democrat will be elected in this district; but he will reach Washington two weeks after Congress convenes.

Congressman Gordon Lee, of Georgia, is ill of pneumonia. It is probable he will not be able to vote on the organization call.

Congressman Ebenezer Hill, a Connecticut Republican, also is ill, but hopes to be able to report for duty.

Mystery surrounds the exact whereabouts of Congressman James R. Mann, Republican candidate for Speaker. Mr. Mann and Congressman McKinley of Illinois, another Republican, left for the West Indies a week ago.

Inquiry at the offices of Congressman Mann and McKinley today brought no answer. It is understood that strenuous efforts are now being made to locate the Republican leaders by cablegram.

May Prolong Committees.

A Speakership fight with one of the candidates absent would be an unusual event. It is believed that Mr. Mann and Mr. McKinley will spare no expense or time in getting back to Washington.

One suggestion which meets favor among some members has been made by Congressman Towner of Iowa. Re-

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WILSON WELL GUARDED

Motorcycle Policemen Escort President's Automobile.

When the President left the White House today for a ride two motorcycle policemen "picked up" the machine outside the White House grounds and augmented the secret service guard of the Chief Executive. The motorcycle men rode in advance of the President's automobile and the secret service men followed in another machine.

There were times in the past when the President had a motorcycle guard, but the precaution, now renewed, has not been general. The presence of additional guards is indicative of the general strengthening of the guard about the President and the White House in the present international situation.

URGES FORCED ARBITRATION

Judge Lovett Asks Compulsory Settlement of Labor Trouble.

Compulsory arbitration of disputes which threaten to tie up the commerce of the country was strongly advocated before the Newlands committee by Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Board of the Union Pacific, who appeared before the committee again today. This was the third day of Judge Lovett's testimony.

HAS ANTI-TORPEDO DEVICE

Baltimore Clergyman Announces Giving Plans to Naval Board.

BALTIMORE, March 21.—The Rev. W. A. Crawford-Frost, of this city, clergyman and inventor, announced today that he had about perfected a device for the protection of merchant vessels from torpedoes, and that he had sent drawings to Thomas A. Edison and the Naval Consulting Board offering it to the United States Government.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon, on the 2d day of April, 1917 to receive a communication concerning grave matters of national policy which should be taken immediately under consideration.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary session requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the 2d day of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America the twenty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundredth and forty-first.

MAY GIVE RWY. SECOND CHANCE

Striking Car Men Consider Submission of Capital Traction Agreement.

Officials of the striking street car employees' union will hold a conference this afternoon to decide whether a copy of the agreement signed by the Capital Traction Company should be submitted to the Washington Railway and Electric Company for acceptance or rejection.

While some of the officials were inclined to regard the submission of the agreement to President King as futile, others took the view that the union owed it to itself to complete the record of negotiations by putting up to the Washington Railway and Electric Company every proposition laid before the Capital Traction Company.

It was said at union headquarters that if President King looked with favor on the Capital Traction Company's agreement, which is said to contain some of the features of the three-year contract which he has submitted to the individual employees of his company, the officials of the union would consider recommending the ratification of a similar agreement with the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

Says Only Four Desert.

"We want to submit to the Washington Railway and Electric Company every possible reasonable basis for the settlement of the controversy now existing," said George A. Wilbur, president of the union. "This does not mean that we are not most highly gratified over the present status of affairs, for we are. It merely means that the union intends to follow a fair and honorable opportunity to do as the Capital Traction Company has done. The Capital Traction Company showed the proper spirit from the outset and has amicably settled all differences. We want to see the Washington Railway and Electric Company the same opportunity."

Mr. Wilbur and Edward McMorris, a member of the executive committee of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, both expressed themselves today as regarding the situation as "fine."

Wilbur declared that out of the 1,000 men who went on strike only four had returned to work. "Notwithstanding the constant and insistent efforts of the company to get all the men back."

At the headquarters of the union it was said that notices had been posted at the company's barns stating that the old employees could return to work without signing the individual contract.

McMorris said he had no statement to issue today other than that in all my experience I never saw a more determined set of strikers or so large a body of men making common cause and standing so solidly together."

Claims 50,000 Supporters.

Garth Calderhead, financial secretary of the union, today compiled a list showing that the strikers had the pledged support of organizations with an aggregate membership of more than 50,000 persons.

The organizations include the Central Labor Union, with 35,000 members; the Federal Employees' Union, having a membership of 7,000; Federation of Citizens' Associations, 5,000; and the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company employees, numbering 2,000.

In addition to these organizations the union is said to have received letters of support from a number of other groups of men and women and several thousand individual pledges. Several thousand women as yet unorganized are said to have pledged their support to the strikers.

Letters received at the union headquarters show that practically all the local labor organizations have prohibited their members from riding on the Washington Railway and Electric Company's cars under penalty of a fine of \$5 or \$10, any money so collected to be paid to strikers' treasury.

Fifty new strike breakers were brought to Washington last night to take the places of others who either quit or were discharged. It was said that this condition would continue indefinitely.

NAVAL RESERVE OPEN TO WOMEN

Female Recruits Will Take Places of Men Needed on Ships.

Patriotic women of Washington who wish to "do their bit" in war will be permitted to enroll in the naval reserve for duty as nurses in the Naval Hospital here, and for duty as stenographers, radio and telegraph operators and clerks at the Washington Navy Yard.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels so announced today in explaining his order to commanders of navy yards and shore stations permitting enlistment of women in the naval service of the United States.

No women recruits will be sent to sea, Secretary Daniels said, but they will be enrolled to take the place of men who will be released from shore duty for service at sea.

Rear Admiral James H. Glennon, commandant of the Washington Navy Yard, said today he did not know how many women would be needed here. He is studying the question today.

Trousers Question Looms.

Women who enlist in the naval reserve will be placed in a grade corresponding to the grade of yeoman in the navy. The pay for this grade ranges from \$70 a month for chief yeoman to \$35 a month to yeoman of class four, with all the emoluments that go to seamen in the regular service.

Two embarrassing questions will immediately arise when the first women volunteers are accepted.

Shall the women be required to wear uniforms, and if so is the uniform to be a skirt and blouse of navy blue, or the trousers affected by the women in the British and French naval reserves?

Shall the women reserves be called yeomen or yeowomen?

Naval officials refuse to discuss these points. The first thing, they say, is to get the women volunteers.

They expect the first recruits to come from the ranks of the women who served at the Chevy Chase camps conducted by the woman's branch of the Navy League, and the other training camps for women, held throughout the country.

The service of women in the navy was held legal in an opinion rendered by Judge Advocate General Watts, who construed the provision of the naval reserve law governing enlistment of "citizens" to include women.

Expect Rush of Recruits.

Thousands of women are expected to enlist in the reserve if Congress, as forecast, declares a state of war to exist between the United States and Germany.

Immediately the navy will utilize the service of all enlisted men on shore for sea duty, breaking in women to do the work on shore. In the meantime, women who enlist at Washington and at all the other navy yards and shore stations will, as fast as possible, be taken on for training purposes so that they will be able to take up their work as soon as places on ships are found for men now on shore duty.

CAN'T FIGHT, OFFERS LAND

New York Man, Past Military Age, Thinks Navy Might Use Tract.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Too old to volunteer for military service, Dr. Charles Schram offered yesterday to the Federal Government the free use of a piece of land on the Manhattan side of the East river, directly opposite the Brooklyn navy yard. The land, now improved by two four-story tenements, is valued at \$20,000.

"I am not quite spry enough to shoulder a gun," said Dr. Schram, "but I have been thinking how I could do something for my country. When this property—25 feet by 75 feet in size—passed into my hands, a few days ago, I wrote to the Yale Club's Military Committee that I thought it might be a good idea for the Government to put up barracks or a storehouse, or something of that sort, on the land, because of its convenience to the navy yard."

Dr. Schram was asked if he were a native American. The query reached the ears of Mrs. Schram, and her emphatic reply was:

"Yes, thank God!"

The doctor was born in Milwaukee.

MAY ASK RIGHT TO RAISE ARMY

Call Is Response to Sinking By Germany of Three American Ships.

COUNTRY OPEN TO ALLIES

President to Ask Full Authority in Defense of American Rights.

President Wilson today summoned Congress to meet in extra session April 2. Congress undoubtedly will be asked to recognize formally the existence of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

This action is the President's response to the recent destruction of three American merchant ships and the slaughter of five American seamen by German submarines.

In going before Congress, it is stated, he will not only ask that the state of war be recognized, but that Congress clothe him with full authority to employ the land and naval forces of the United States in defense of American rights.

For Universal Training.